

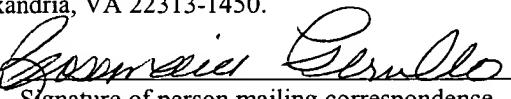


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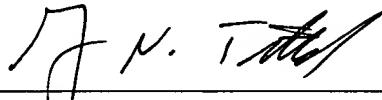
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on July 22, 2005 be extended for three (3) months, to and including January 23, 2006, as January 22, 2006 was a Sunday.

Enclosed is a check for \$510.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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